Dr. A. G. Menon.—The appreciation would be full, if the other portions are also published.

A query regarding the Member for Vellarappalli.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Sir, I raise a point of order to know whether Mr. O. R. Chummar, the Member for Vellarappalli, continues to be a Member of this House. I ask it for two reasons. We find that he is absent in his chair, and I understand that he says that he does not want to come here. I, therefore, think it would be a point of honour for him, if he continues to be a Member. It has been ruled under the rules that a Member, if he accepts a post under the Government, is no longer a Member. Of course, this point was raised in the case of Mr. K. S. Rama Ayyar. It was ruled that he is still a Member, because he held a post only in the Court of Wards. That does not hold in the case of Mr. Chummar, because he is holding a post under the Government, and so you will be pleased to give a ruling on this point. I suppose that matter rests with the Diwan. The Regulation itself provides for it.

President.—Is it for the Government to decide or the President to decide? I think it is the Government that is to decide, and papers on the subject have come to me as Diwan and not as President.

Mr. A. B. Salem.— " If a Member accepts a post in the service of our Government, his seat in the Council shall become vacant." You are the head of the Government, and if you say that he is a Government servant, there is an end of the matter.

President.—I cannot say that as the President. But the head of the Government can do it.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—It comes within the jurisdiction of the President to expel a Member from the House, if he has accepted office under the Government.

President.—You see that the matter has not been disposed of finally, and the matter is still under consideration. In the course of my examinaion of the matter, it came to my notice that in Travancore a non-official Member who was appointed as an official was allowed to continue as Member of the Council.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—The point under consideration is whether that seat is vacant or not. If it is not vacant, I think he can sit in the Council.

President.—He is a Member till he is asked to quit.

The Bill to amend the Cochin Court of Wards Regulation.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—Sir, I beg to move the Bill to amend the Cochin Court of Wards Regulation be taken into consideration.

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